

P. S. Saturday Morn^g April 6th we are sorry to inform c. s. c. you that we have this Instant received Intelligence that Hudson's Ship was taken last Wednesday morning by two Tenders belonging to the Otter. We are apprehensive that we have likewise lost one of our Provincial Vessels.

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

At a meeting of the Committee of observation for Calvert County at the Court house in Prince Frederick Town on Saturday the 6th April 1776, were present eight members, Mr Benjamin Mackall in the Chair.

Resolved, that the Council of Safety be informed, that this Committee have received a barrell of gunpowder, said to contain ninety three pounds and three quarters of a pound, and a parcel of lead shot said to weigh 495½ pounds, from the Committee of Charles County. That they have collected from Individuals, powder lead and flints to the amount of thirteen pounds currency, which they distributed amongst the Militia of this County at the different alarms. Sign^d p^r order,
E. Johnson Clk.

[Charles Lee to Purviance.]

Williamsburg April 6th 1776.

D^r Sir. I know not to whom I can address this most important note with so much propriety and assurance of success as to yourself. the crisis will not admit of ceremony and procrastination. I shall therefore irregularly address you in the language and with the spirit of one bold determined free citizen to another, and conjure you as you value the liberties and rights of the community of which you are a member, not to lose a moment, and in name (if my name is of consequence enough) to direct the commanding officer of your troops at Annapolis immediately to seize the person of Governor Eden. the sin and blame be on my head. I will answer for all to the congress. the justice and necessity of the measure will be best explained by the paquet transmitted to you by the Committee of Safety from this place. God Almighty give us wisdom and vigor in this hour of tryal. adieu

D^r Sir, Yours most sincerely Charles Lee.

To Samuel Purviance Esq^r chairman of the Committee.